Foreign Students in India

† 2807. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an estimate of the great increase expected in the number of foreign students coming to India for higher education, in the context of WTO;

(b) whether Government are aware that major changes are taking place in the field of higher education all over the World;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the University Grants Commission in this regard;

(d) whether the Commission has distributed model syllabus prepared by experts in all Universities; if so, the details of that syllabus; and

(e) the reaction of Universities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (e) Although exact configurations are not available, the Government is aware of international developments in the field of higher education and is responding to them. These responses involve in for obligatory quality assessment of all universities and colleges, updating of curricula, emphasis on IT and connectivity and such other steps that would promote the country's image in tertiary education both at home and abroad.

Complaints against Kendriya Vidyalaya Principal, Naseerabad

† 2808. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 676, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 2001 and state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.